

**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Bernd RUDOLPH

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For:

CIRCUIT ARRANGEMENT AND METHOD, FOR  
STARTING AND OPERATING DISCHARGE LAMPS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

January 23, 2004

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.